

WILLIAM JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR.

JANUARY 19, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. NEILL, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 2455.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2455) for the relief of William Johnson, administrator of Thomas I. Johnson, deceased, submit the following report:

The facts out of which this bill for relief arises will be found stated in House report from the Committee on War Claims of the Fifty-third Congress (a copy thereof being hereto attached as part of this report. Your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

[House Report No. 58, Fifty-third Congress, first session.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 722) for the relief of William Johnson, administrator of Thomas I. Johnson, deceased, of Fayette County, Tenn., as found due by the Court of Claims under the act of March 3, 1883, report as follows:

That this claim was referred to the Court of Claims for a finding of facts under the provisions of the act known as the Bowman Act, approved March 3, 1883.

Said claim has been returned with a report and findings, which are as follows:

[Court of Claims. Congressional—Facts and loyalty. No. 3614. William Johnson, administrator of Thomas I. Johnson, deceased, v. United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 10th day of April, 1888.

Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by J. H. Nixon, esq., his assistant and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 23d day of May, 1892, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores or from whom they were alleged to have been taken was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 13th day of October, 1892. The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in Fayette County, State of Tennessee, where decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took

from the decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$22,387.75, and appropriated the same to use of the U. S. Army, as follows:

17 mules and 4 horses, in all 21 head of stock, at \$150 per head.....	\$3, 150.00
900 cords of wood.....	1, 950.00
19,000 pounds of fodder, receipted for, at \$2 per hundred.....	380.00
503,000 feet of lumber, at \$20 per M.....	10, 060.00
July, 1862:	
1 set blacksmith tools and shop, complete.....	200.00
30 bushels oats, at \$1.....	30.00
2,540 bushels corn, at \$1.....	2, 540.00
1 heavy iron-axle wagon.....	100.00
16,500 pounds fresh pork, at 10 cents.....	1, 650.00
7,000 pounds of beef, at 7 cents.....	700.00
200 bushels of potatoes, at \$1.....	200.00
3 barrels of flour, at \$12 per barrel.....	36.00
5 barrels of molasses, 210 gallons, at \$1.....	210.00
290 pounds of sugar, at 20 cents.....	58.00
5,120 pounds cured meat, at 20 cents.....	1, 024.00
100 pounds of sausage meat, at 25 cents.....	25.00
100 pounds mackerel, at 10 cents.....	10.00
200 pounds dried beef, at 25 cents.....	50.00
20 pounds lard, at 15 cents.....	3.00
5 bushels pease, at \$2.....	10.00
3 bushels corn meal, at \$1.25 per pushel.....	3.75

Aggregating in value..... 22, 389.75

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACTS:

I.

That during the war of the rebellion there was taken from the claimant, now deceased, Thomas I. Johnson, by proper military authority, for the use of the U. S. Army, stores and supplies amounting in value to the sum of \$13,378.

II.

That no payment appears to have been made for said stores and supplies.

BY THE COURT.

Filed October 10, 1892.

A true copy.

Test, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1892.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Your committee, therefore, report the accompanying bill for the payment of the amount found due by the Court of Claims and recommend its passage.